

# Welcome



*2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> February*

## Welcome to St John's

Thank you for being with us here at St John's.

Whether you are worshipping with us for the first time today or have been worshipping for many years, we pray that you will feel the love of God in our midst.

Please stay for refreshments after the service if you wish, all are welcome.

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## **Sunday services for 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

(Presentation of Christ in the Temple)

*Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.*

**Presiding** Reverend Colin Simpson

**Readings** Hebrews 2.14-end

Gospel: Luke 2.22-40

**Organist** Richard Stephens

**Hymns** (36) Angel-voice ever singing

(93) Christ, whose glory fills the skies

(401) Longing for light

(86) Christ is made the sure foundation

## **Prayer**

*Please pray for*

**John Harmsworth**

**Jenny Kilgour**

**Ann Everett**

**Christine Hayes**

**David Mills**

**Mary Nickerson**

**Jeanette Tucker**

**Jean Morrish**

*Rest in peace*

**Betty Bell** (funeral at St John's 11.00 a.m. on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February)

## **West Buckland Services**

This is the usual pattern of services at St Mary's, West Buckland. All are welcome.

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month

Lay-led Morning Worship at 11.00 a.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month

Holy Communion at 11.00 a.m.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month

Join St John's Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m.

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month

Holy Communion at 11.00 a.m.

## What's on this week

### Sunday

*Holy Communion* 9.30 a.m.

### Tuesday

*Talking Cafe* 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Advice on any topic from the village agent.

*Carers Group* in the hall 1.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

### Wednesday

*Wednesday Sings* 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the hall.

*Slimming World* in the hall 4.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

### Thursday

*BCP Communion* 10.00 a.m. with Reverend Ian Brierley

*Tea@3* in the hall at 3.00 p.m.

*Blackdown Community Choir* 7.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. in church

### Friday

*Warm Spaces* 12.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. in the hall.

### Saturday

*Deep Clean of the church* 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Volunteers welcome to help.

## Coming Up

### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February

*St John's Primary School* in church 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. for spirituality activities.

*Blackdown Community Choir* in church 6.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. (slightly earlier than usual)

### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

*Funeral of Betty Bell* in the church 11.00 a.m.

### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February

*St John's Winter Fair* in the church, more details on the back page.

### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March

*Deep Clean of the church* 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Volunteers welcome to help.

## The Home Service

The 'Home Service' is a weekly programme that brings Christian worship into your front room. It is broadcast on 105.3 FM on Wednesdays at 11.00 am. and repeated Sunday at 10.00 am. It's also available via the internet at any time on [www.10radio.org](http://www.10radio.org).

This week the Rev'd Martyn Parry from Wivey Evangelical Church leads our act of worship based on Psalm 131. He explores some of the traditions associated with, and the significance of, the Feast of Candlemas held this coming Sunday.

**ST JOHN'S WINTER FAIR IN AID OF CHURCH FINANCES**  
**SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**  
**10.00 AM -12.30 PM**

Sue Rackley has once again kindly proposed to lead a group of friends and volunteers in holding a fund-raising WINTER FAIR. By February most of us have some form of 'winter-blues' and an event like this can help us to cope. There will be the usual sumptuous cake stall, raffle, book and 'unwanted Christmas gift' stalls, crafts stalls, refreshments, and hot food.

Sue is looking for volunteers to make and bake before the day, and to assist on the day itself. Please step forward to play your part. Please speak to Sue. Her mobile is 07795 221159 Email: sus\_ant2001@yahoo.co.uk

It is an initiative like this that gives us ALL opportunities to address our serious 'running costs' problem. Please support and spread the word. Get family and friends – and strangers - to come.

Thank you all!

### **Warm Spaces**

The Warm Spaces sessions continue to run in the church hall from now until Easter. They offer a place for people to meet during the colder months every Friday from 12 noon to 2.00 p.m.

Our friendly volunteers provide a free lunch of homemade soup and a roll, and a hot drink. It allows people to meet and have the opportunity to spend time with others, especially those who are elderly, live alone, or are vulnerable.



Wellington Town Council has kindly agreed to fund some of the cost of providing this service to the local community, via a grant, for which we are very grateful.

### **Memorial Book**

You will probably be aware there is a memorial book in church where names are recorded of those who have gone before us. This has been filled in by request in the past, and kindly completed by volunteers skilled in calligraphy. Unfortunately, this tradition lapsed during covid and the vacancy, but we would like to start it again. Rather than presume previous volunteers will carry on with this, we ask if anyone in the church community has the necessary skills and can offer to take on this task. If you can help, please let Sharon in the office know. Thank you.